

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A receiving apparatus which can switch and receive a plurality of stream data, comprising:

reproducing means for reproducing the received stream data;

switching means for switching an input between an input from said reproducing means and another input;

communicating means for communicating with [[a]] an external transmitting source of said stream data, each external transmitting source having a URL;

history storing means for storing the URL of the external transmitting source of the stream data and a stop point for each stream data that is stopped; and

stream switching means for switching between two inputs from said reproducing means, said stream switching means pausing a first stream data at a stop point of the first stream data and reproducing a second stream data from a stop point of the second stream data when the stream switching means is actuated to change from the first stream data to the second stream data, said history storing means storing both the stop point of the first stream data and the stop point of the second stream data, said stream switching means reading the stop point of the second stream data from the history storing means and then accessing the second stream data from a corresponding external transmitting source from the stop point of the second stream data,

wherein in the case where said input is switched from the input from said reproducing means to said another input by said switching means during the reproduction of said stream data by said reproducing means, a stop request to stop transmission of said stream data is transmitted to the transmitting source of said stream data by said communicating means and

the history storing means stores the URL of the transmitting source of the stream data and the stop point for the stream data that is stopped, and

in the case where said input is switched again from said another input to an output from said reproducing means by said switching means, said communicating means obtains the stop point for the stream data and the URL of the transmitting source of the stream data from the history storing means and issues a start request to start the reproduction of said stream data from the stop point to said transmitting source of said stream data.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the reception of the stream data and the transmission of said stop request or said start request are executed by different communicating means.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in the case of transmitting said start request, an address of said receiving apparatus is transmitted together with said start request.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in the case of transmitting said start request, information of said transmitting source is transmitted together with said start request.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in the case of transmitting said start request, information showing the stream data is transmitted together with said start request.

Claims 7-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A station selecting method which can switch and receive a plurality of stream data, comprising:

- reproducing the received stream data;
- switching an input between an input from said reproducing and another input;
- communicating with an external ~~the~~ transmitting source of said stream data; and
- switching between two inputs from said reproducing, said switching between two inputs from said reproducing including pausing a first stream data at a stop point of the first stream data and reproducing a second stream data from a stop point of the second stream data to change from the first stream data to the second stream data, and storing both the stop point of the first stream data and the stop point of the second stream data, said switching including reading the stop point of the second stream data and then accessing the second stream data from a corresponding external transmitting source from the stop point of the second stream data,

wherein in the case where said input is switched from the input from said reproducing to said another input by said switching during the reproduction of said stream data by said reproducing, a stop request to stop transmission of said stream data is transmitted to the transmitting source of said stream data by said communicating and a URL of the external transmitting source of the stream data and the stop point for the stream data that is stopped is saved in a history, and

in the case where said input is switched again from said another input to an output from said reproducing by said switching, the stop point for the stream data and the URL of the external transmitting source of the stream data is obtained from the history and a start

request to start the reproduction of said stream data from the stop point is transmitted to said transmitting source of said stream data by said communicating.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A stream distribution system for distributing stream data to a receiving apparatus which can switch and receive a plurality of stream data, comprising:

a stream data server for reproducing and transmitting the stream data; and
the receiving apparatus having,

reproducing means for reproducing the received stream data;

switching means for switching an input between an input from said reproducing means and another input;

communicating means for communicating with [[a]] an external transmitting source of said stream data, each external transmitting source having a URL;

history storing means for storing the URL for the external transmitting source of the stream data and a stop point for each stream data that is stopped; and

stream switching means for switching between two inputs from said reproducing means, said stream switching means pausing a first stream data at a stop point of the first stream data and reproducing a second stream data from a stop point of the second stream data when the stream switching means is actuated to change from the first stream data to the second stream data, said history storing means storing both the stop point of the first stream data and the stop point of the second stream data, said stream switching means reading the stop point of the second stream data from the history storing means and then accessing the second stream data from a corresponding external transmitting source from the stop point of the second stream data,

wherein in the case where said input is switched from the input from said reproducing means to said another input by said switching means during the reproduction of said stream data by said reproducing means, said receiving apparatus transmits a stop request to stop the transmission of said stream data to said stream data server by said communicating means, said stream data server stops the transmission of said stream data by said stream data server in accordance with said stop request and the history storing means stores the URL of the external transmitting source of the stream data and the stop point,

in the case where said input is switched again from said another input to the input from said reproducing means by said switching means, said receiving apparatus obtains the stop point for the stream data and the URL of the external transmitting source of the stream data from the history storing means and transmits a start request to start the reproduction of said stream data from the stop point to said stream data server, and said stream data server reproduces said stream data from the stop point and transmits said stream data to said receiving apparatus in accordance with said start request.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The stream distribution system according to claim 11, wherein the reception of the stream data from said stream data server and the transmission of said stop request or said start request to said stream data server are executed by different communicating means.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The stream distribution system according to claim 11, wherein in the case of transmitting said start request, an address of said receiving apparatus is transmitted together with said start request.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The stream distribution system according to claim 11, wherein in the case of transmitting said start request, information showing said stream data server is transmitted together with said start request.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The stream distribution system according to claim 11, wherein in the case of transmitting said start request, information showing the stream data is transmitted together with said start request.

Claims 16-19 (Canceled).

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A receiving apparatus which can switch and receive a plurality of stream data, comprising:

a reproducing unit configured to reproduce the received stream data;

a switch configured to switch an input between an input from said reproducing unit and another input;

a communication unit configured to communicate with ~~[[a]]~~ an external transmitting source of said stream data, each external transmitting source having a URL;

a history storing unit configured to store a history including the URL of the external transmitting source of the stream data and a stop point for each stream data that is stopped; and

a stream switching unit configured to switch between two inputs from said reproducing unit, said stream switching unit configured to pause a first stream data at a stop point of the first stream data and to reproduce a second stream data from a stop point of the second stream data when the stream switching unit is actuated to change from the first stream data to the second stream data, said history storing unit configured to store both the stop point

of the first stream data and the stop point of the second stream data, said stream switching unit configured to read the stop point of the second stream data from the history storing unit and then configured to access the second stream data from a corresponding external transmitting source from the stop point of the second stream data,

wherein in the case where said input is switched from the input from said reproducing unit to said another input by said switch during the reproduction of said stream data by said reproducing unit, said communicating unit issues a stop request to stop transmission of said stream data to the transmitting source of said stream data, and the history storing unit stores the URL of the external transmitting source of the stream data and the stop point for the stream data that is stopped in the history, and

in the case where said input is switched again from said another input to an output from said reproducing unit by said switch, said communicating unit obtains the stop point for the stream data and the URL of the external transmitting source of the stream data from the history stored by the history storing unit and issues a start request to start the reproduction of said stream data from the stop point to said transmitting source of said stream data.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A stream distribution system for distributing stream data to a receiving apparatus which can switch and receive a plurality of stream data, comprising:

a stream data server configured to reproduce and transmit the stream data; and
the receiving apparatus having,

a reproducing unit configured to reproduce the received stream data;

a switch configured to switch an input between an input from said reproducing unit and another input;

a communicating unit configured to communicate with [[a]] an external transmitting source of said stream data, each external transmitting source having a URL;

a history storing unit configured to store a history including the URL for the external transmitting source of the stream data and a stop point for each stream data that is stopped; and

a stream switching unit configured to switch between two inputs from said reproducing unit, said stream switching unit configured to pause a first stream data at a stop point of the first stream data and to reproduce a second stream data from a stop point of the second stream data when the stream switching unit is actuated to change from the first stream data to the second stream data, said history storing unit configured to store both the stop point of the first stream data and the stop point of the second stream data, said stream switching unit configured to read the stop point of the second stream data from the history storing unit and then configured to access the second stream data from a corresponding external transmitting source from the stop point of the second stream data,

wherein in the case where said input is switched from the input from said reproducing unit to said another input by said switch during the reproduction of said stream data by said reproducing unit, said receiving apparatus transmits a stop request to stop the transmission of said stream data to said stream data server by said communicating unit, said stream data server stops the transmission of said stream data by said stream data server in accordance with said stop request and the history storing unit stores the URL of the external transmitting source of the stream data and the stop point in the history,

in the case where said input is switched again from said another input to the input from said reproducing unit by said switch, said receiving apparatus obtains the stop point for the stream data and the URL of the external transmitting source of the stream data from the history stored by the history storing unit and transmits a start request to start the reproduction of said stream data from the stop point to said stream data server, and said stream data server reproduces said stream data from the stop point and transmits said stream data to said receiving apparatus in accordance with said start request.